

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

December 2011 – Week 2

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TITLE: PRESIDENTIAL PRANK

DECEMBER 1838 AND IT'S TEXAS' FIRST PRESIDENTIAL PRANK.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

DECEMBER 10, 1838. HOUSTON. UNABLE TO RUN FOR A SECOND TERM AS TEXAS PRESIDENT, SAM HOUSTON IS STEPPING DOWN. HIS SUCCESSOR IS MIRABEAU B. LAMAR; A POLITICAL ENEMY WHO GOT ELECTED ONLY AFTER TWO PRO-HOUSTON CANDIDATES MYSTERIOUSLY KILLED THEMSELVES.

TODAY, AT LAMAR'S INAUGURATION, HOUSTON IS EXPECTED TO MAKE BRIEF REMARKS PRIOR TO THE NEW PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

OFTEN UNPREDICTABLE, OLD SAM DOESN'T DISAPPOINT.

HE ARRIVES DRESSED AS GEORGE WASHINGTON – IN POWDERED WIG AND PANTALOONS – AND HOLDS FORTH FOR OVER THREE HOURS. ENRAGED, LAMAR REFUSES TO SPEAK, MAKING HIS SECRETARY GIVE HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS.

SAM HOUSTON PULLED A PRESIDENTIAL PRANK 173 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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